

## EUROPEAN AIRPORTS

### Air Routes have focused on certain areas

- Capital cities eg. Dublin, London, Paris
- Industrial & Commercial centres eg. Dusseldorf, Shannon
- Recreational centres eg. Alicante, Benidorm
- Religious centres eg. Mecca, Lourdes, Knock

Airports have been built in these areas

### Air transport has grown since 1945

- Reduced travel time because airplanes are faster
- Higher incomes made air travel more affordable
- Cheaper fares due to competition between airlines
- More flights to more destinations (places)
- Package holidays that included flights, accommodation and sometimes food all for a low price.

### Air transport has led to settlement growth in three ways

#### Tourism development

- Tourist resorts have grown and new resorts have been developed e.g. Alicante in Spain.

#### New Towns

- New towns have been developed such as Shannon New Town

#### Existing towns

- Existing towns, especially capital cities grew as a result of increased trade (Dublin).